





# MCRT Northampton to Boston 104 miles

Priority East-West Corridor In DCR's Commonwealth Connections

Town Open Space and Recreation Plans

Regional Planning Commissions



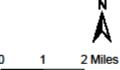


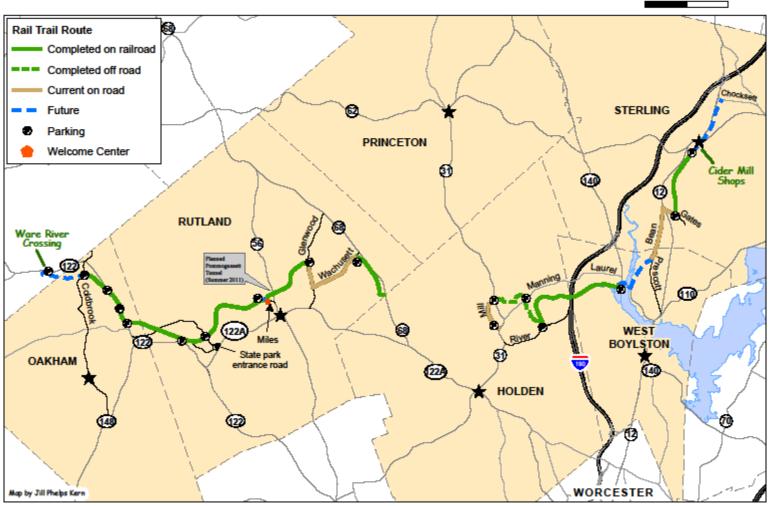
#### **Mass Central Rail Trail**

30 miles through
Sterling, West Boylston,
Holden, Rutland,
Oakham, Barre



#### Mass Central Rail Trail







# Partnerships to Build and Maintain Trails

Connecting

Citizens, Governments, Businesses, and Foundations





## Wachusett Greenways Est. 1995

All volunteer non-profit group Reaching for 1000 members in 2014



**2500** people have become Wachusett Greenways members or contributed to the Mass Central Rail Trail construction fund



### Members and Donors Gifts range from \$5 to \$160,000 for rail trail construction

Initiated the MCRT
Maintenance Endowment Fund
\$5 to \$15,000 Gifts



# First section Open 1997 West Boylston

Built 20 miles in 20 years

Ten bridges Two tunnels



























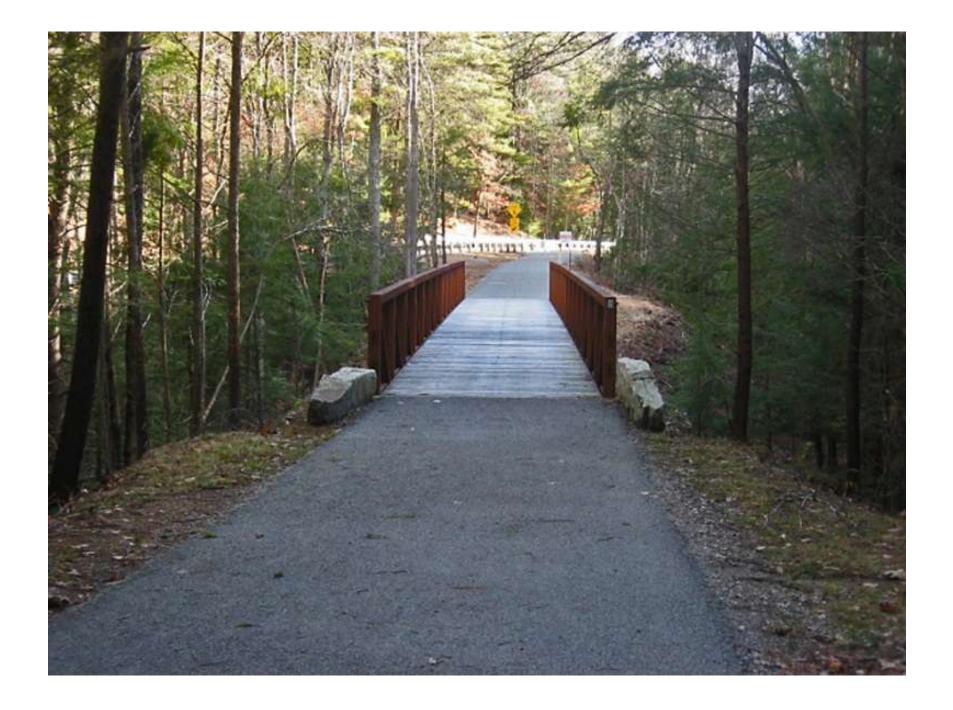




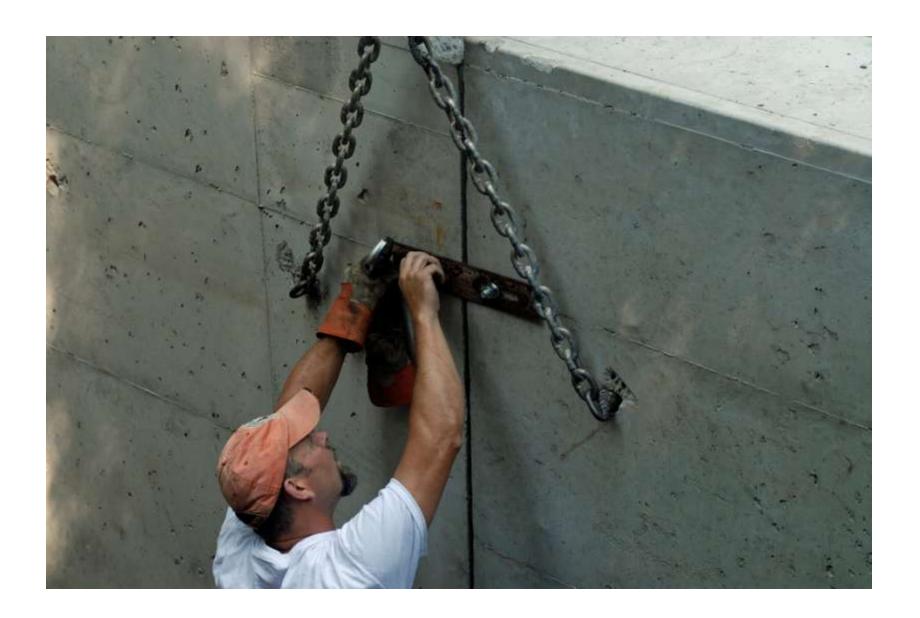
#### Charnock Hill Tunnel





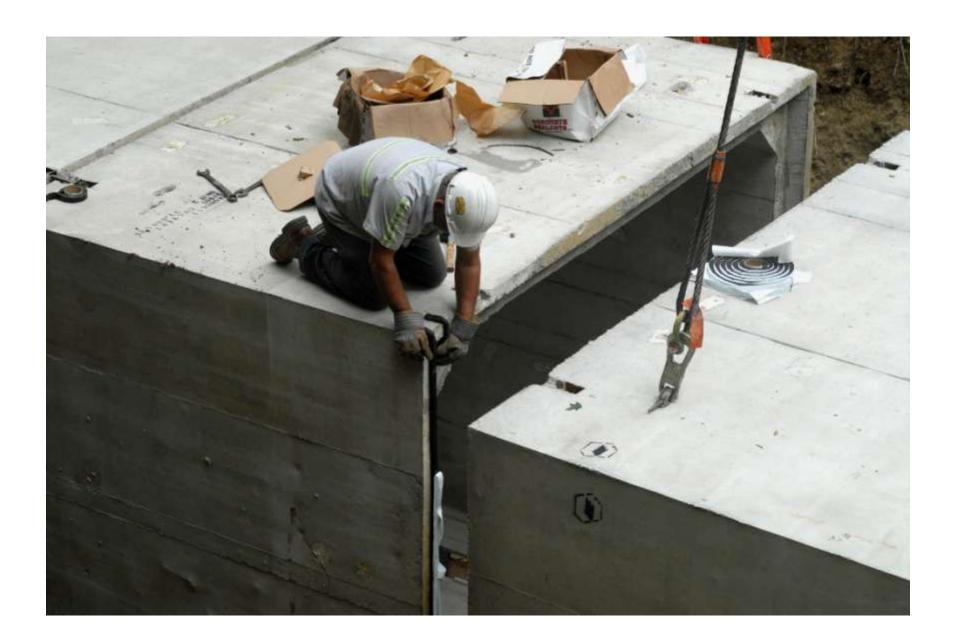
















## Pommogussett Tunnel



White Valley Bridge









## The Springdale Mill Interpretive Trail 1800s Woolen Mill



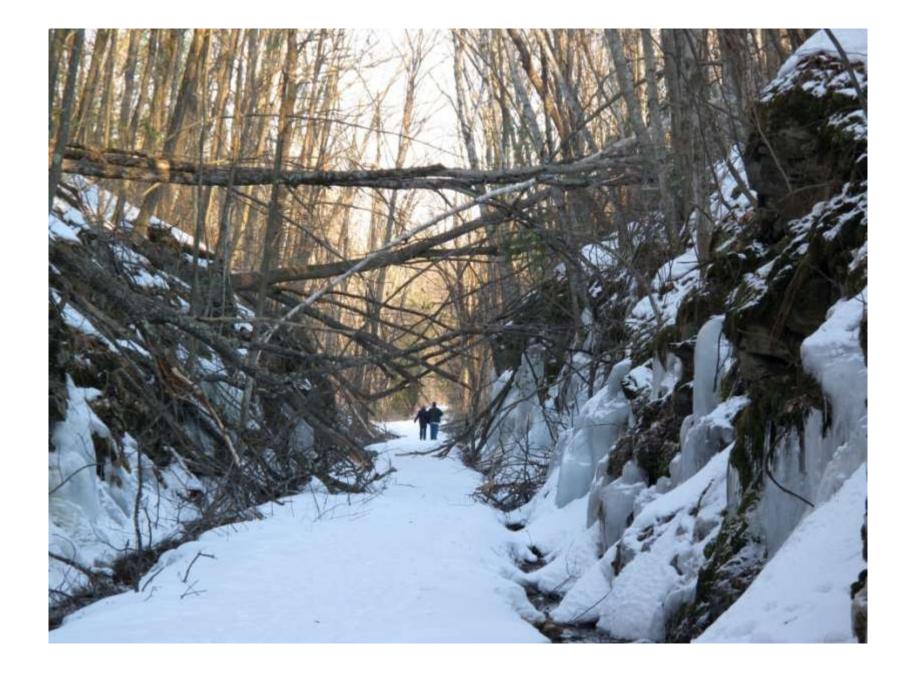


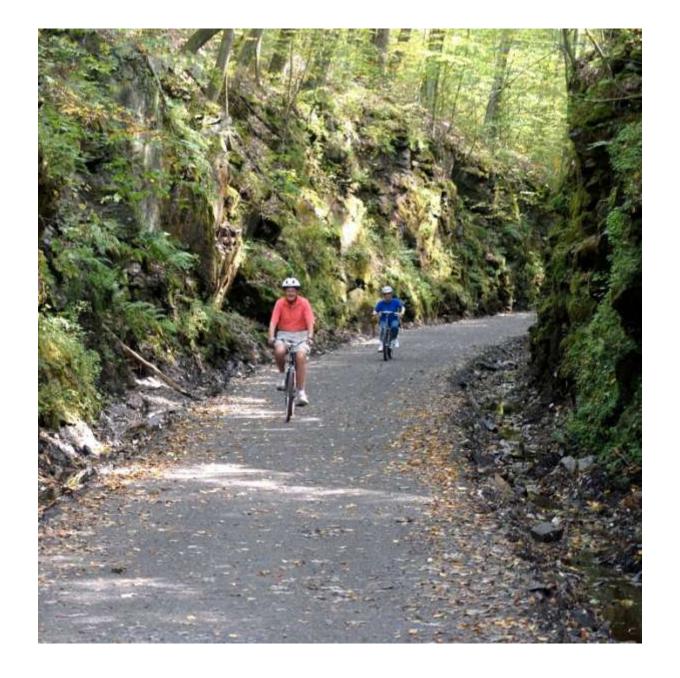
## Working Together on challenges and upkeep from ice storms and floods (and silver linings)











## How can I help?

- clear trail
- install signs
- write newsletter
- prepare grants
- manage construction
- lead trail events
- garden
- install fence

- raise funds
- developing an interpretive mill site
- mail newsletters
- web site
- greet at trail and welcome center
- work with youth





















